

**Iowa Department of Natural Resources  
Natural Resource Commission**

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**ITEM**

**4a**

**DECISION**

**TOPIC**

**Trout Run Creek, Winneshiek County -- Marilyn Holland**

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The Natural Resource Commission's approval is requested to purchase a parcel of land located in Winneshiek County. The property is adjacent to the south side of the DNR owned Trout Run Creek Area and north of the Decorah Fish Hatchery. Marilyn Holland offers the 30-acre parcel for the appraised value of \$113,000.

Mark Tressel, Licensed Appraiser of Dubuque, Iowa, submitted the appraisal. Travis Baker negotiated the purchase agreement.

This property is partly located within the south corporate limits of Decorah, in central Winneshiek County, Iowa. Trout Run Creek, a put-and-take trout fishery, bisects the property dividing it into two nearly equal parts. State Highway #9 is less than one-half mile north of the property. The placement of a recreational trail, through this property and along Trout Run Creek, is proposed.

This acquisition will become part of the 73 acre Trout Run Creek Area and will be managed by the Conservation and Recreation Division in accord with the area management plan.

Funding used for this acquisition will be 75% Federal Sport Fish Restoration and 25% Fish Habitat Stamp. Fencing and incidental closing costs will be the responsibility of the Department.

Attachment

Linda Hanson, Administrator  
Management Services Division  
January 17, 2007

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**ITEM**

**4b**

**DECISION**

**TOPIC      Sedan Bottoms Wildlife Management Area, Appanoose County --  
                 John Appler**

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The Natural Resource Commission's approval is requested to purchase a parcel of land located in Appanoose County. The property is adjacent to the east side of the DNR owned Sedan Bottoms Wildlife Management Area. John Appler offers the 33-acre parcel for the appraised price of \$32,000.

Rob Wobeter, Licensed Appraiser of Toledo, Iowa, submitted the appraisal. Travis Baker negotiated the purchase agreement.

This property is located in southeastern Appanoose County, Iowa. The county seat of Centerville is about 12 miles northwest of the property. The topography is nearly level and frequently flooded by the Chariton River. The average Corn Suitability Rating is 50. The property will become encumbered by a Wetland Reserve Program easement prior to DNR ownership. This property would provide additional wetland habitat as well as deer, turkey, and pheasant hunting opportunities.

This acquisition will become part of the 5,085 acre Sedan Bottoms Wildlife Management Area and will be managed by the Conservation and Recreation Division in accord with the area management plan.

Funding used for this acquisition will be the wildlife habitat stamp. Appanoose County will continue to receive property tax payments on this parcel. Incidental closing costs will be the responsibility of the Department.

Attachment

Linda Hanson, Administrator  
Management Services Division  
January 17, 2007